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NexGenBus

Fibre Channel Test and Evaluation

Approach

- Objective:
 - Determine as reasonably possible, can Fibre Channel meet our future Operational Requirements.
- Methods:
 - Analysis
 - Demonstration
 - Simulation

Methods

- Analysis
 - Port Functions
 - Physical Plant
 - Transmission Protocol
 - Signaling Protocol
 - Node Functions
 - Common Services
 - Mapping Layer for Upper-Level Protocol

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Analysis Method

- Port Functions
 - Physical Plant
 - Cable assemblies
 - Balanced transmission line
 - Unbalanced transmission line
 - Connectors
 - Operational Environmental
 - Transmitters and Receivers
 - clock recovery
 - bit error detection

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Analysis Method

- Port Functions (continued)
 - Transmission Protocol
 - 8b/10b encoding/decoding
 - ensures a minimum number of clock transitions while maintaining a dc balance and providing word alignment
 - ordered sets
 - identify frame boundaries and maintain the link
 - Signaling Protocol
 - defines the rules for transferring blocks of data
 - frame structure and byte sequences

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Analysis Method

- Node Functions
 - Common Services
 - a set of services that are common across multiple ports of a node
 - Mapping Layer
 - defines the steps required to perform the functions identified by a Upper-Level Protocol
 - for each ULP there is a corresponding mapping
 - a construct for establishing the endpoint of the node

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Analysis Results

- Determined that most of the test elements could not be isolated for testing.
- Identify specific test objectives for Demonstration and Simulation.
 - Demonstration
 - Physical plant
 - Simulation
 - Node to Node functions

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Analysis Results

- Test objectives for Demonstration
 - Physical Plant
 - Eye-diagram waveform test
 - Cable interoperability test
 - Transmission rate test
 - Noise rejection test

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Analysis Results

- Cable assemblies for the tests
 - Gore Quad (balanced pair)
 - FCN-1056 w/Mil-C-38999 style connector
 - Mil-C-17/94 (unbalanced)
 - RG-179 w/BNC connector
 - Mil-C-17/110 (unbalanced)
 - RG-302 w/BNC connector

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Analysis Results

- Test objectives for Simulation
 - Node to Node functions
 - Class of Service
 - Latency
 - Synchronicity
 - Topologies
 - Upper-Level Protocols

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Methods

- Demonstration
 - Eye-diagram waveform
 - overall signal quality
 - Cable interoperability
 - meet the specific requirements
 - Transmission rate
 - maximum frame data rate
 - Noise rejection
 - simulate EMI interference

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Demonstration Method

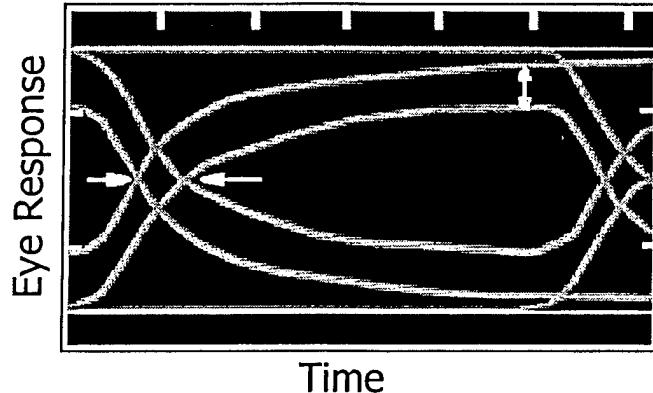
- Eye-diagram waveform
 - Jitter
 - bit times
 - differential skew
 - rise and fall times
 - Noise
 - amplitude

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Eye-diagram Waveform

Typical Eye Pattern



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Demonstration Method

- Cable interoperability
 - cable length
 - connector loss
- Transmission rate
 - maximum frame data rate
- Noise rejection
 - signal to noise ratio

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Demonstration Method

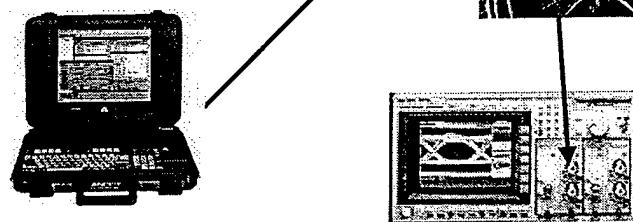
- Test data transmission
 - valid Fibre Channel data sequences
 - low frequency pattern (106.25Mhz)
 - low transition density pattern (433433...)
 - jitter tolerance pattern (50%, 100%, 30%, ...)
 - random data pattern
 - supply noise data pattern (...D31.3, ...)

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Demonstration Method

- General Test Setup

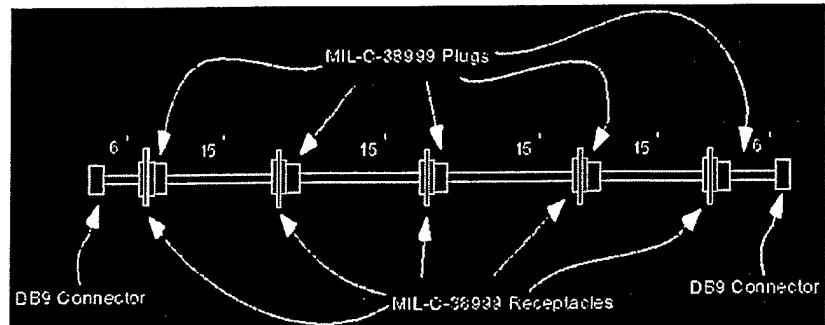


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Demonstration Method

- Quad Cable Layout

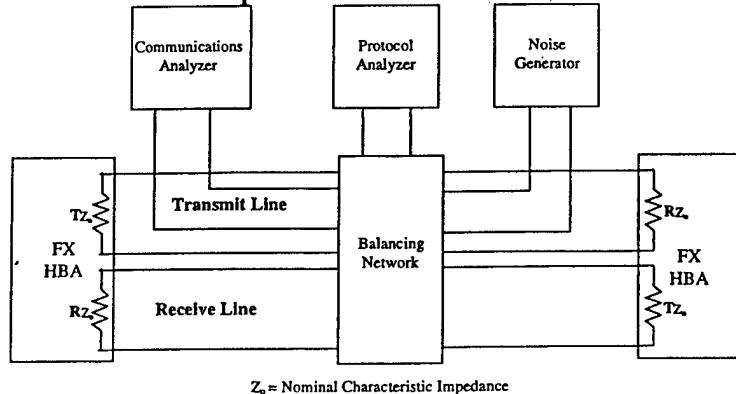


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Demonstration Method

- Noise Test Setup

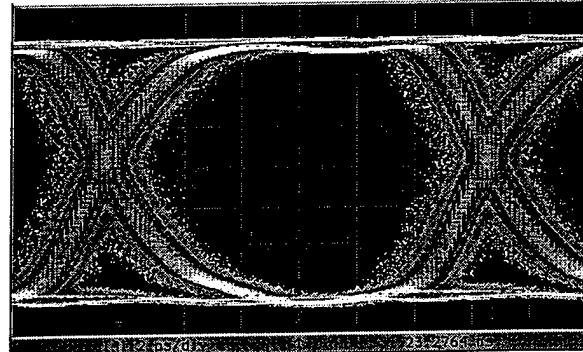
 Z_0 = Nominal Characteristic Impedance

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Transmit Eye Pattern

Color grade is enabled...



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Total samples 31.936 s margin bits 0.01
Failed samples 0.000 s maxSP bits 11

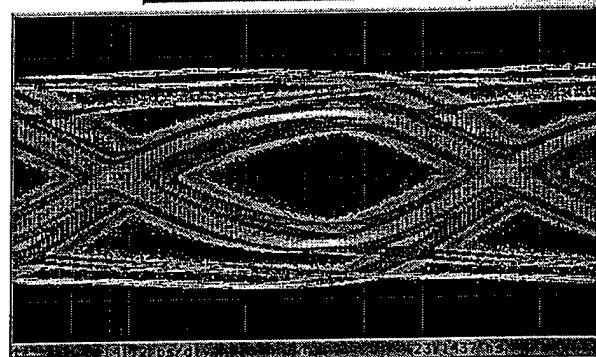
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Gore Quad Cable Results

Color grade is enabled...



FC1063
total wfm 36.030 s mask margin -28.0
failed wfm 49.160 s total bits 82.766 F
Total samples 37.937 s margin bits 80.526 F
Failed samples 82.364 s maxSP bits 82.366 F

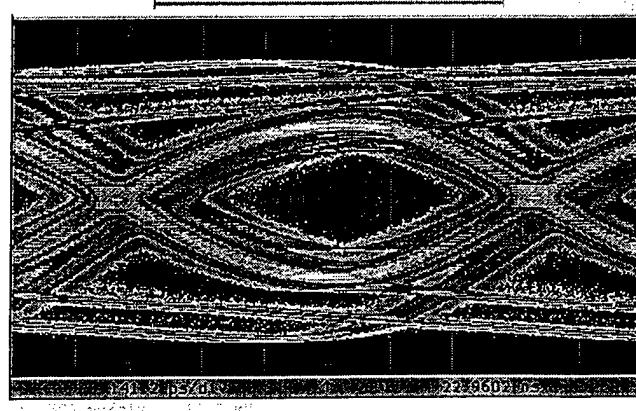
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RG-179 Cable Results

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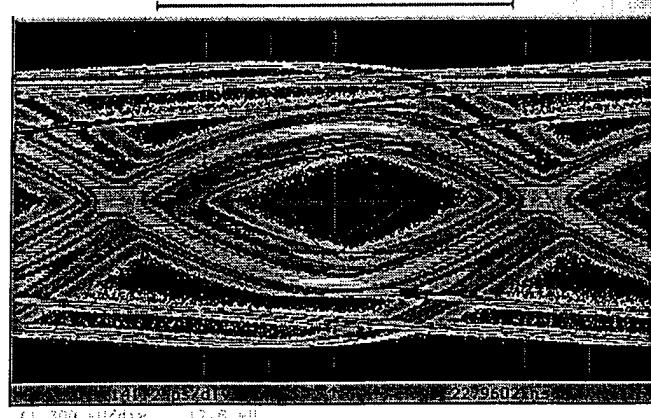
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RG-302 Cable Results

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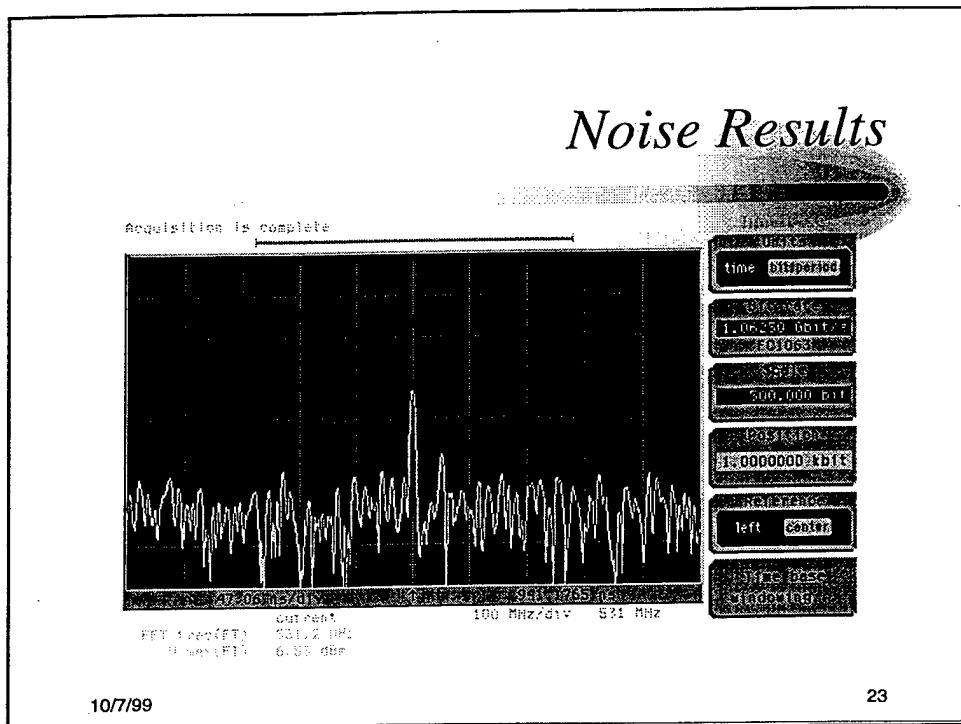
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DATA

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Physical Plant Summary

- Summary table
 - dB loss per meter
 - dB loss per connector
 - Maximum Lengths
 - Transmission Rate performance
 - Noise Rejection performance

Physical Plant Summary

| Cable | Cable Loss (dB/m) | Conn. Loss (dB/Con) | Max Cable Length (m) | Trans. Rate (MB/s) | S/N Ratio |
|--------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Quad | .138 | .45 | 20 | 93 | 2.38 |
| RG-179 | .62 | .50 | 10 | 90 | 4.25 |
| RG-302 | .288 | .25 | 25 | 90 | 3.5 |

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Close

- One Giga-baud data rate with copper media
- Quad and coax cables perform well
- Quad cable has excellent signal integrity - however, highest cost
- Coax cables have good performance and low cost --- isolated grounds?
- Whats next?

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Why not STP?

- standard specifies for 266Mbaud (1/4x)
- Equalization
 - for long lengths
 - fixed cable assemblies
 - solid conductor?

